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The Honorable Charles M. Teague
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Mr. Teague:

I have your letter of 25 July 1969 regarding allegations by one of your constituents concerning Agency activities within the United States.

The Agency has no charter for conducting activities which would interfere with Americans in the United States and is, in fact, prohibited by law from doing so.

As you may know, the National Security Act of 1947 (P. L. 253, 26 July 1947) contains a specific proviso that the CIA . . . shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers, or internal-security functions. The Agency's responsibility is in the area of foreign intelligence information and is carried out under the direction and control of the President and the National Security Council, with oversight by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and four specific subcommittees of Congress.

If I can be of any further assistance on this matter please let me know.

Sincerely,

STCNEB

Richard Helms
Director

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